



Spaceport & Technology Committee

COMBINED MEETING WITH

State Infrastructure Council

Thursday, March 16, 2006

8:15 AM to 9:00 AM

Room 404, HOB

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Committee Meeting Notice

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Speaker Allan G. Bense

Spaceport & Technology Committee

Start Date and Time: Thursday, March 16, 2006 08:15 am

End Date and Time: Thursday, March 16, 2006 09:00 am

Location: 404 HOB

Duration: 0.75 hrs

The Spaceport & Technology Committee will meet jointly with the State Infrastructure Council to receive a presentation from Dr. Michael Griffin, Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), on the National vision for space exploration.

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT
Spaceport & Technology Committee

3/21/2006 2:00:00PM

Location: 12 HOB

Attendance:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Bob Allen (Chair)	X		
Thad Altman	X		
Joyce Cusack	X		
Charlie Justice	X		
Ralph Poppell	X		
Juan Zapata		X	
Totals:	5	1	0

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Other Business Appearance:

National Vision for Space Exploration

Dr. Michael Griffin (At Request Of Chair) - Information Only

Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

NASA Headquarters

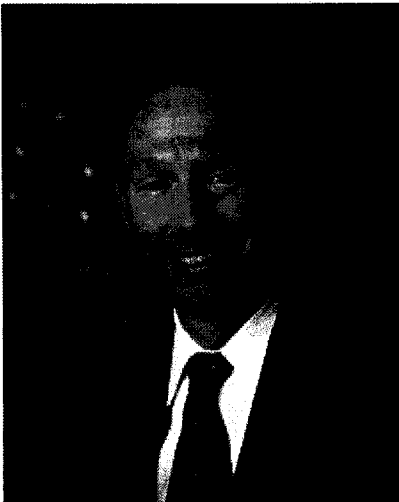
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**National Aeronautics
and Space Administration**

NASA Administrator Michael Griffin



Nominated by President George W. Bush and confirmed by the United States Senate, Michael Griffin began his duties as the 11th Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration on April 14, 2005. As Administrator, he leads the NASA team and manages its resources to advance the U.S. Vision for Space Exploration.

Prior to being nominated as NASA Administrator, Griffin was serving as Space Department Head at Johns Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory in Laurel, MD. He was previously President and Chief Operating Officer of In-Q-Tel, Inc., and also served in several positions within Orbital Sciences Corporation, Dulles, VA, including Chief Executive Officer of Orbital's Magellan Systems division and General Manager of the Space Systems Group.

Earlier in his career, Griffin served as Chief Engineer and as Associate Administrator for Exploration at NASA, and as Deputy for Technology at the Strategic Defense Initiative Organization. He has been an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins University, and George Washington University, where he taught courses in spacecraft design, applied mathematics, guidance and navigation, compressible flow, computational fluid dynamics, spacecraft attitude control, astrodynamics and introductory aerospace engineering. He is the lead author of more than two dozen technical papers, as well as the textbook, "Space Vehicle Design."

A registered professional engineer in Maryland and California, Griffin is a Fellow of the American Astronautical Society and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA), and is a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers. He is a recipient of the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal, the AIAA Space Systems Medal and the Department of Defense Distinguished Public Service Medal, the highest award given to a non-government employee.

Griffin received a bachelor's degree in Physics from Johns Hopkins University; a master's degree in Aerospace Science from Catholic University of America; a Ph.D. in Aerospace Engineering from the University of Maryland; a master's degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Southern California; a master's degree in Applied Physics from Johns Hopkins University; a master's degree in Business Administration from Loyola College; and a master's degree in Civil Engineering from George Washington University. He is a certified flight instructor with instrument and multiengine ratings.

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